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Attorney's Docket No. 018773-022

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
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Takashi KOBAYASHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 3743
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Application No.: 09/348,816) Examiner: C. Atkinson
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Filed: July 8, 1999) Confirmation No.: 5787
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For: AN EVAPORATOR, A HEAT)
ABSORBER, A THERMAL)
TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND A)
THERMAL TRANSPORT METHOD)

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (1201) =	
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☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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In response to the Official Action dated April 8, 2003, the applicants respond as follows.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested for claims 2 and 26. Claims 1, 3, 8, and 17 have been canceled. Claims 4-5, 9-14, and 18-25 stand withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species.

Claims 6-7, 15-16, and 27-31 have been allowed.

Claims 2 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,576,009 to *Ogushi et al.*, with specific reference being made to the structure of FIG. 9. Claim 2 defines a thermal transport system comprising an evaporator